



Islip, NY – Islip Town Supervisor Phil Nolan and members of the Town Board held a ceremony at Town Hall to honor those who lost their lives on September 11th, 2001.

Set against the backdrop of the 9/11 Memorial in front of Town Hall, the names of the victims from the Town of Islip were read aloud by the Town Board. A steel beam recovered from the site of the World Trade Center was unveiled as part of the Town's memorial.

About three hundred residents were in attendance for the ceremony, including families of those who died in the attacks, along with other local officials.

"To say that this was a tragedy of epic proportions would minimize it," said Supervisor Nolan. "We remember not only the heroism of the firefighters and police officers but the loved ones we lost and how this event touched all of our lives."

The keynote address was given by Director of Emergency Management Rick Gimbl, a former New York Firefighter who spent days assisting in the recovery effort at Ground Zero.

"Men, women, firefighters, EMS, ironworkers and allied construction workers all became brothers that day while we dug with buckets, shovels and even our hands," he said. "I want you to be proud that you are here and that you are alive and free in the society that we live in and that you live in a wonderful community like this, where people come to the aid of their fellow man."

Pictured (from left to right) are Councilman Steve Flotteron; Councilman John Edwards; Councilman Gene Parrington; Supervisor Nolan; Councilwoman Trish Bergin Weichbrodt; Msgr. Thomas M. Coogan, St. Patrick R.C. Church, Bay Shore; and Rick Gimbl.